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SUBJECT: OPRED -- PERSONNEL STAFFING TO SUPPORT GOM NARCOTICS ERADICATION PROGRAM

1. EXTENDED TDY ASSISTANCE SINCE LAST OCTOBER REVEALS THE CONTINUING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL US PERSONNEL TO ASSURE THE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF US ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED OR PLANNED FOR FUTURE DELIVERY AND TO AVOID TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN FUTURE ANY DELAYS OR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THIS YEAR'S ERADICATION PROGRAM. THEREFORE, PER DISCUSSION WITH NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND DEA OFFICIALS DURING RECENT VISIT OF DEPARTMENT NARCOTICS STAFF TO MEXICO, WE RECOMMEND CREATION OF POSITIONS IN MEXICO TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ERADICATION PROGRAM, COORDINATION OF AIR
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CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF THOSE POSITIONS. POST SHOULD NOTE THAT WHILE WE PROPOSE THREE LONG TERM AND ONE SHORT TERM POSITIONS, ACTUAL NET INCREASE TO EMBASSY WOULD ONLY BE TWO POSITIONS AS TWO HAVE BEEN STAFFED IN PAST BY WASHINGTON PERSONNEL ON EXTENDED TDY IN MEXICO. ALL OF THE POSITIONS WOULD BE FINANCED ENTIRELY WITH CCINC FUNDS.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS REACH AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR AND FUNCTION OF EACH POSITION. POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A) NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFICER -- TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE, LOGISTICAL AND MANAGERIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALL NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN PROJECT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING REVIEWING AND MONITORING PRESENT AND FUTURE COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPEDITING THEIR PROCUREMENT; THE SYSTEMATIC MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF CONTRACTUAL

SERVICES OTHER THAN BEL
TECH SUPPORT CONTRACT; THE
COORDINATION OF CONTRACT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND ELEMENTS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AERO SERVICES SECTION. INCUMBENT WOULD WORK WITH AND ADVISE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO ASSURE THE EFFICIENT INTRODUCTION OF US ASSISTANCE INTO THE JUDICIAL POLICE STRUCTURE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES WITHIN THE AG'S OFFICE TO SUPPORT THE INTERDICTION AND ERADICATION PROGRAM ON A TIMELY BASIS, AND TO INSURE THAT FUTURE GOM INPUTS INTO THE PROGRAM ARE PROVIDED IN THE TIME FRAME AGREED UPON. THE INCUMBENT WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING IN-COUNTRY FINANCIAL RECORDS RELATING TO THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THIS POSITION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR A MINIMUM 18-24 MONTH PERIOD AND FURTHER EXTENSION OR CONTINUATION OF IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO LATER REVIEW; B) AIR SYSTEMS ADVISER -- TO WORK WITH THE AERO SERVICES SECTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF HIS OPERATIONAL SYSTEM. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SYSTEMATIC AIR SAFETY PROCEDURES SUCH AS INSTITUTION OF A LOG BOOK CHECK SYSTEM, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AIR WORTHINESS CERTIFICATION, AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. WILL ALSO PROVIDE IN-COUNTRY TRAINING AND PROVIDE LESSON PLANS AND ADVICE IN MOST AREAS BUT PARTICULARLY IN SLING LOADING, BOOM OPERATIONS, AND SPRAYING PROCEDURES WHICH WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IF AG MOVES TOWARDS USE OF HERBICIDES. ADVISER WILL ALSO WORK WITH AG'S OFFICE ON ARRANGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHYSICAL FACILITIES AS NEW HANGAR IS CONSTRUCTED. UPON DEPARTURE OF SHORT TERM CON-

TRACT OFFICER LISTED BELOW, THE AIR SYSTEMS ADVISER WOULD PROVIDE LIAISON BETWEEN BELL AND US GOVERNMENT. WE PROPOSE INITIAL ONE YEAR ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS POSITION SUBJECT TO LATER REVIEW. WE FEEL AT LEAST ONE YEARS TIME REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INITIAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING FOR 197L CAMPAIGN, WORKING ON FACILITIES AT NEW HANGAR, AND ADVISING AND EVALUATING AIR OPERATIONS IN 1976 CAMPAIGN;

C) CONTRACT OFFICERS REPRESENTATIVE -- THIS POSITION WOULD MAINTAIN LIAISON BETWEEN BEL
TECH SERVICES CONTRACT
REPRESENTATIVES, MEXICAN PERSONNEL, AND USG OFFICIALS.

PURPOSE WOULD BE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT TERMS, ASSURE SMOOTH ASSIMILATION OF CONTRACT PERSONNEL INTO THE AERO SERVICES SECTION, AND DEVELOP REPORTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEM BOTH TO MEET CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE USEFUL DATA TO ENSURE WE ARE INFORMED OF STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF AERO SERVICES SECTIONS' CAPABILITIES. BELIEVE THIS FUNCTION CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE SHORT TERM ASSIGNMENT OF AN OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING PROCEDURES AND AVIATION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS. WE PROPOSE ESTABLISHING THIS POSITION FOR ONLY 4-6 MONTHS AFTER WHICH RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE ABSORBED BY THE AVIATION SYSTEMS ADVISER; D) LOCAL HIRE SECRETARY -- TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECRETARIA

SUPPORT TO THE ABOVE OFFICERS. WE SUGGEST THAT THIS BE AN 18-24 MONTH LONG POSITION TO COINCIDE WITH THE NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFICER AND AVIATION SYSTEMS ADVISER'S TENURE. IN ORDER TO AVOID ADDITIONAL US PERSONNEL, WE RECOMMEND RECRUITING CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN RESIDENCE US COMMUNITY IN MEXICO.

3. REQUEST POST COMMENTS REGARDING CREATION OF ABOVE POSITIONS, ESTIMATED IMPACT SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES, AND ASSESSMENT GOM REACTION TO CREATION THESE POSITIONS. INGERSOLL

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